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Dear Mr. Kwitny,

I never laid eyes on Bob Ranftel before your people brought him here and they should remember that he then introduced himself to me.

There is no way that they, as you report, had knowledge of any long-standing relationship with Ranftel because they had never seen or spoken to me earlier and never discussed this with me.

In short there was not, as you say, any long-standing relationship or one of trust between Ranftel and me.

Perhaps Kevin Walsh assumed this but he cannot have knowledge of it because it just is not so.

I'd heard of Ranftel from others. I'd heard that he was working in the FBI's reading room and later that he was working for John H. Davis but I had no personal knowledge of this or for that matter, of him. Other than what I say above I have no reason to believe now that I ever knew anything else about him.

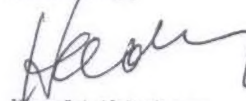
I have no doubt that your people did not know he had a record of such behavior, as I also did not until after this business. I also did not suspect your people, your staffers, that is. Moreover, they displayed no interest in those photos when I showed them. That I did, thinking they might be of interest to you, is the only way Ranftel knew about them and where they were.

Perhaps Tom and Chris did not see him take them but they were all in the same place at the same time.

And he was represented to me as working for you.

I'd appreciate some effort on your part to recover these pictures for me. I've never even heard where he lives and I'm sure he'd ignore any letter I wrote him. I do not expect him to admit this but if you speak to him with some firmness it might accomplish something. I assure you that between the time Tom and Chris were here and the time I discovered the theft nobody else was here. Meaning to use those files.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg